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Re: Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of Route 616 (Goshen Road)
Response to Referral Comments

Dear George:

We have reviewed the referral comments concerning the proposed abandonment of a portion of Route 616 (Goshen Road) and offer the attached responses for your review and consideration.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sara Howard-O'Brien, AICP
Land Management Supervisor

Enclosures

cc: Sam Adamo, Director, Planning and Legislative Services

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A Portion of Route 616 (Goshen Road)
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Parks and Recreation
Comments dated April 6, 2010

Comment 1: Provide more clarification on whether the proposed abandonment is scheduled to be completed prior to the park conveyance to the County

Response: The proposed abandonment of Goshen Road requires that Relocated Route 659 be constructed and accepted into the state system for maintenance. The timeline for the completion of the abandonment process is not known at this time. Likewise, the C.D. Smith Park is proffered to be dedicated prior to the issuance of the 300th residential zoning permit. Development of the C.D. Smith project has not been initiated.

Comment 2: Provide clarification on whether the current prescriptive right-of-way area will be included in the future conveyance from Two Greens/Kirkvest LLC to the County as part of the park site.

Response: The abandonment of Goshen Road would result in .19853 acres reverting to the C.D. Smith parcel located on the west side of Relocated Route 659, the proffered park site. It would be logical for that land area to convey with the park.

Comment 3: Provide further information on the impacts on the park site of proposed "Road B" on Sheet 4.

Response: The proposed Road B realigns the previously planned road to cross the park and results in a more usable area to the south of Road B. Utilizing the direction of Parks and Recreation, alternative layouts were examined. Parks and Recreation staff indicated a preference for Alternative 2 which moves the play meadow to the south side of the road and incorporates additional parking that will serve users of the play meadow. Alternative 2 also incorporated a micro play field on the north side of Road B. Parking is maintained on the north side of the road and will include gates to allow the park to be closed. In addition, with the construction of Road B public water will be brought to the site and with the construction of Relocated Route 659 a sleeve is being placed under the roadway to accommodate the future extension of public sewer at such time as public sewer is available to the east at the C.D. Smith property. Overall the alternative design of the park better utilizes the land area available. The proximity of the park and schools will be mutually beneficial.

Office of Transportation Services

Comments dated March 23, 2010

Comment 1: Keep the northern section of Goshen Road in place as an emergency access road with either minimal type paving (rural rustic type) or hardened grass access from the end of paved right-of-way.

Response: LCPS is willing to maintain the northern section of Goshen Road as an emergency access road, as recommended.

Comment 2: LCPS should proffer contributions to the County to perform warrant studies at both entrances on Relocated Route 659 and to fund the complete design and installation of signals when warranted. Both proffers should remain valid for at least 10 years after the last of the two schools is opened.

Response: LCPS is willing to provide for future signal warrant analysis and fund future signals if warranted. This should be addressed as a part of the Special Exception.

Comment 3: LCPS to work with the developers of Stone Ridge West and CD Smith to design into their construction plans physical traffic calming measures for each of the developments. The additional cost of these measures above the normal developer infrastructure cost should be funded by LCPS.

Response: The design of the road network for Stone Ridge West and CD Smith will appropriately be the responsible of the respective developers of those communities. LCPS has worked with representatives of Stone Ridge and C.D. Smith as well as Braddock Crossing (aka Stratshire Crossing) and Westport. The proposed schools will be an asset to the surrounding communities.

VDOT

Comments dated March 29, 2010

Comment 1: The abandonment relies on the construction of a portion of Relocated Route 659. Please note that before the Goshen Road right-of-way can be abandoned, the necessary portion of Relocated Route 659 must be accepted into the state system for maintenance.

Response: Acknowledged

Comment 2: The portion of Relocated Route 659 affected by this request is part of the adopted location of the Tri-County Parkway (VDOT Project R000-96A-101, UPC 52405). Design and construction by third parties of Relocated Route 659 will need to be coordinated with the major design elements of the Tri-County Parkway Location Study.

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The parties responsible for Relocated Route 659 should contact the Tri-County Parkway project manager to exchange design parameters.

Response: Urban Engineering, consultant for LCPS to prepare the design plans for Relocated Route 659, has contacted Mr. Nick Nies at VDOT and provided a layout of the plan depicting the alignment. We anticipate a response in the near future. The applicant will continue to coordinate with VDOT.

Planning Department
Comments dated March 24, 2010

No Comments

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